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SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISIT - PROPOSAL FOR JOINT STATEMENT

REF: STATE 134860 AND 134965

1. I NORMALLY REFRAIN FROM SEEKING EXCEPTIONS TO WELL-ESTABLISHED AND SENSIBLE RULES. I BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD CASE, HOWEVER, FOR MEETING PRESIDENT BHUTTO'S DESIRE FOR JOINT STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF TURNDOWN GIVEN HIM ON HIS PROPOSED DINNER. IF WE COULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE HIM ON JOINT STATEMENT, WE COULD PLAY UP EXCEPTIONAL HONOR BEING ACCORDED TO HIM AND TEND TO MITIGATE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DINNER.

2. INASMUCH AS BHUTTO PERSONALLY APPEALED TO ME ON JOINT STATEMENT, I SEE NO IMMEDIATE NEED CONVEY TO ANYONE ELSE HERE SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE THIS SUBJECT. IN ABSENCE OF DIRECT RESPONSE TO HIM, BHUTTO WILL PROBABLY ASSUME WE WILL STICK BY USUAL RULES. IF DECISION STANDS, DEPARTMENT COULD MAKE THIS CLEAR TO PAK EMBASSY.

3. I HOPE EXCEPTION FROM COMMON PRACTICE CAN BE MADE IN THIS CASE.
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